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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

USTelecom has petitioned the FCC to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Within their petition they state, "In the residential marketplace, competition will not be materially affected by forbearance from Section 251(c)(3) because there is effectively no remaining UNE-based competition in that marketplace."

As a residential consumer, I will in fact be affected as my carrier (Sonic) uses unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in my residential marketplace.

Sonic residential subscribers do exist, and their members would be "materially affected". In fact, those effects would be profound; without access to UNE services, Sonic wouldnt have been able to connect consumers while they build their fiber networks, nor fund the construction of their fiber networks. And once fiber networks are built, UNEs are still used they connect from city to city and are the key backhaul for all fiber networks.

So, as a residential Sonic customer, I will be materially affected if this petition is granted.

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